

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) An electronic musical instrument comprising:
at least one connection terminal for connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer; and
a connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument.

2. (Amended) An electronic musical instrument comprising:
an operation panel that is operated by a user;
at least one connection terminal for connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer;
a connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument; and
a replacing device that replaces operation information input from said operation panel by operation information input from said keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said connection interface.

3. (Amended) An electronic musical instrument comprising:
an operation panel that is operated by a user;
at least one connection terminal for connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said keyboard having a plurality of keys;
a connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;
an assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said operation panel respectively to the keys of said keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said connection interface; and
an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the keys of said keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated key.

4. (Amended) An electronic musical instrument as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a display device, and a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or numerical values respectively to the keys of said keyboard connected to said electronic musical instrument, and wherein when any of the keys of said keyboard are [is] operated, said execution device causes said display device to display a character, a symbol, or a numerical value assigned to the operated key if the operation of the key is significant for a screen view currently displayed on said display, and execute one of the functions assigned to the operated key if the operation of the key is significant for the screen view currently displayed.

5. (Amended) An electronic musical instrument comprising:
an operation panel that is operated by a user;
at least one connection terminal for connection with a keyboard originally designed for use in a computer, said keyboard having a plurality of types of keys;
a connection interface for connecting said keyboard directly to said electronic musical instrument;
an assigning device that assigns functions that can be executed by operating said operation panel respectively to the types of keys of said keyboard connected via said connection terminal and said connection interface; and
an execution device that is responsive to operation of any of the types of keys of said keyboard, for executing one of said functions assigned to the operated type of key.

6. (Amended) An electronic musical instrument as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a display device, and a second assignment device that assigns characters, symbols, or numerical values respectively to the types of keys of said keyboard connected to said electronic musical instrument, and wherein when any of the types of keys are [is] operated, said execution device causes said display device to display a character, a symbol, or a numerical value assigned to the operated type of key if the operation of the type of key is significant for a screen view currently displayed on said display, and execute one of the functions assigned to the operated key if the operation of the type of key is significant for the screen view currently displayed.